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In re Application of)
Bott et al.) Group Art Unit: 1645
Serial No.: 10/092,227) Examiner: Unassigned
Filed: March 5, 2002)
For: High Throughput Mutagenesis)
Screening Method)

Information Disclosure Statement

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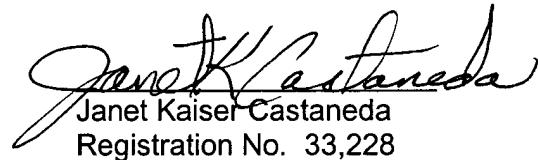
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